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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Stephen Einstein, Rabbi of Congregation B'Nai Tzedek from Fountain Valley, California.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

This is the day that God has made. Let us be joyous and be gladdened. Eternal God, we thank You for so many gifts. You have bestowed upon us talent and abilities that enable us to excel, a universe of wonder that inspires us to create, and a reflected spirit that moves us to appreciate. We appreciate the gift of time. You have allotted to us minutes and hours, and presented us with the challenge. Use this time for good.

In this Chamber, we acknowledge that there is so much good that needs to be done. We are humbled by the tasks that await us. May we face them with renewed vigor and purpose. We are particularly grateful, then, for this day, and for the opportunity for service it provides. Let us prove our gratitude by the manner in which we utilize each moment. And so with thankfulness, we ask for Your blessings upon every Senator. May each be a blessing to those whose lives are touched by their work. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I welcome Rabbi Einstein and compliment him for his prayer. I also want to thank him for the outstanding representation he has here in the Senate. California is well represented. We are glad he is here.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from California is recognized.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, may I ask unanimous consent to speak for about 2 minutes as if in morning business to welcome the Rabbi from California?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Mr. President, this morning's prayer was delivered by Stephen Einstein. He is an accomplished religious scholar. He is the Rabbi of congregation B'Nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, CA. He is a spiritual leader of a synagogue with 435 members. But he is also the chaplain of the Fountain Valley Police Department, a board member of the American Cancer Society, and a member of the Religious Outreach Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County.

He has written two scholarly books on Judaism. He has also served as a member of the Fountain Valley Board of Education, and has served twice as school board president.

He is a distinguished Californian, a religious leader. As the senior Senator from California, I welcome him to the Senate.

I thank you, Mr. President, and the Senate for receiving him so graciously.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

PROGRAM

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today we resume the education reform bill. The current order will require 1 hour of additional debate on the Dodd testing amendment, 1 hour of debate on the

Carnahan-Nelson amendment regarding assessments, and a rollcall vote on the Carnahan-Nelson amendment is scheduled at approximately 11:30 under a previous order. There will be additional rollcall votes throughout the day.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 6, H.R. 10, H.R. 586, and H.R. 622

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I understand that there are several bills at the desk due for second reading. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the bills to be read a second time en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I object en bloc to further action on these bills.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bills will be placed on the Calendar.

BETTER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ACT—Resumed

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Pending:

Jeffords amendment No. 358, in the nature of a substitute.

Kennedy (for Dodd) amendment No. 382 (to amendment No. 358), to remove the 21st century community learning center program

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